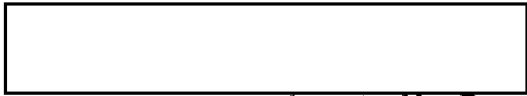20 August 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant for Information, DDA

FROM   :   Charles A. Bohrer, M. D.
                       Director of Medical Services

SUBJECT   :   Automated Decisionmaking Systems

REFERENCE   :   A-DDA Memo, Same Subject, dtd 4 Aug 76,
                       (DDA 76-3907)

Attached is the Office of Medical Services

"Report of Automated Decisionmaking Applications"

as requested in reference.

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REPORT OF AUTOMATED DECISIONMAKING APPLICATIONS

OFFICE: Office of Medical Services   DATE: 23 August 1976

Automated Decisionmaking Applications

Definition

"Automated decisionmaking applications are computer programs that initiate action (through output) on the basis of programmable decisionmaking criteria established by management and incorporated in computer instructions. The distinguishing characteristic of these applications as compared to other computer application programs, is that many of the computer's actions take place without manual review and evaluation."
(From GAO report.)

1.   Briefly describe any computer application for your Office that should be included within the foregoing definition for automated decisionmaking applications. Indicate the kind of automatic action (or form) that is initiated by the computer?

There are no computer applications in the Office of Medical Services which initiate action.

2.   Based on your review of all administrative procedures, criteria, computer programs, etc. pertaining to each of the automated decisionmaking applications described in 1, indicate your assessment of the possibility and probability of improper actions, the extent to which improper actions have or may be occurring, and the monetary value of these improper actions.

Not Applicable.

3. Identify and describe actions which you are implementing to minimize or correct improper actions described in 2.

Not applicable.